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POSITION ADJUSTMENT

: Before the Examiner:

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A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Responsive to the Office Action of July 7, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following amendments and remarks. In addition, Applicants note with appreciate the Examiner's willingness to clarify the rejections during a telephone interview on September 23, 2004.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4.

Arguments begin on page 12.